



**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 2800**

PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 2097
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Masatomo YAMADA	)	Group Art Unit: 2852
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Application No.: 10/784,832	)	Examiner: R. Walsh
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Filed: February 24, 2004	)	<b>Mail Stop: AF</b>
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 22, 2006, the period of response to which extends through May 22, 2006, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.